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June 27, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMPTROLLER, DIRECTORATE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, CIA

SUBJECT: OXCART Fiscal Year 1968/1969 Funding

Reference your BYE-9091-68 dated 24 June 1968, on this subject.

Program year 1969 approval is hereby granted for [] for OXCART O&M costs estimated for July and August 1968, although this does not in itself sanction the [] population estimates for these months. It is assumed that a separate memorandum or presentation will be furnished to the DNRO on phaseout planning, as soon as feasible. At least the contractor, military and civil service population forecasts by month for [] and reasons therefor, should be addressed at an early date. For example, it is difficult to understand why 640 personnel for other than Tagboard should be at [] during August.

Further discussions will be necessary on a continuing basis. It is recognized that some costs can not be adequately identified for some time. However, there are a number of areas where decisions will have to be made in the next several months. For example, (1) funding for September and beyond at [], including a determination of Tagboard funding, (2) contracting and funding for in-storage costs at Palmdale (at the moment, the OXCART aircraft have not been transferred to the USAF, and in the interim, costs will have to be accommodated by either Agency or specialized depot contracts), (3) reconciliations of Program Year 1968 and 1969 approvals and funding will be needed, and (4) shipments of assets from [] and their appropriate destinations, will have to be determined (the OXCART account will pay for first destination costs, except for airlift).

No 1080 form need be submitted at this time against the [] approval herein, pending review of possible unobligated balances against FY 1968 and prior funding.



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